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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 0053

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJ: KUWAIT REQUEST FOR P&A FOR SP ARTILLERY

REF: A. STATE 294699 DTG 132219Z DEC 75 (NOTAL)

B. KUWAIT 0557 DTG 040700Z FEB 75 (NOTAL)

C. EUCOM 21432 DTG 191323Z DEC 75 (NOTAL)

D. MASM - DODINST 5105.38M

E. 75 KUWAIT A-104 (NOTAL)

1. MINDEF AND CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF (BOTH MEMBWRS OF RULING

FAMILY) HAVE REQUESTED VERBALLY LETTER OF OFFER FOR TWO BATTALIONS

(ACTIVE, RESERVE) 155 MM SP ARTY WITH ALL USA TOE EQUIPMENT.

TRAINING FOR INSTRUCTOR CADRE ALSO DESIRED.

2. KUWAITI ARTILLERY COMMITTEE VISITED USEUCOM ARMY

UNITS IN EARLY 1975 TO EXAMINE AND ASSESS SELF PROPELLED

ARTILLERY WEAPONS, WITH KUWAIT ARMY PROJECT OFFICER AS

PART OF GROUP. PROJECT OFFICER IS CAPTAIN ALI SABAH AL-SALEM

AL-SABAH. FYI: SHAIKASALI IS SON OF AMIR (RULER) OF KUWAIT.

END FYI (REF. B).

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3. REF (C) ADVISED THAT JCS HAD APPROVED ONE ACTIVE BATTALLION 155 SP ARTY IN JSOP FY 78-85 (RESERVE FORCE NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE).

4. PARA 2, REF (A) APPEARS OVERRULE JCS VIEWS THIS MATTER.

5. EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY UNDERSTOOD THAT REVIEW OF MILITARY VICE POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS PROPERLY ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH HQ USEUCOM AND JCS IN FORMULATION AND APPROVAL OF THE JSOP. PART I, CHAPTER D, SECTION 8 OF REF (D) APPEARS TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS UNDERSTANDING.

6. CURRENT EMBASSY VIEWS OF FUTURE POLICY TOWARDS MILITARY SALES PROGRAM PROVIDED REF (D).

7. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDING OF EXISTING USG POLICY ON FM SHVALES TO GULF AREA INCLUDE CONSIDERATIONS OMITTED IN REFTEL (A). IN OUR JUDGEMENT, NEITHER EXISTING LOCAL SITUATION NOR PRESENT USG POLICIES NECESSARILY PRECLUDE POSSIBLE GOK PURCHASE SUBJECT EQUIPMENT.

8. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER DECISION RELAYED REF (A) NOT TO SUPPLY KUWAIT UNDER FMS SP ARTILLERY.

9. PENDING REVIEW, EMBASSY WILL VERBALLY INFORM MAJGEN SHAIKH MUBARAK THAT HIS REQUEST REMAINS UNDER CONSIDERATION. STOLTZFUS

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